

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Richard H. Harvey  
Serial No.: 09/721,806  
Filing Date: November 24, 2000  
Art Unit: 2164  
Confirmation No.: 3613  
Examiner: Sathyanaraya R. Pannala  
Title: *A METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR OPERATING A DATABASE*

**MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

In response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2008, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the amendments and comments set forth below.